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**Cc:** Woo, Nancy[Woo.Nancy@epa.gov]; Montgomery, Michael[Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov]  
**From:** Li, Corine  
**Sent:** Fri 8/7/2015 6:17:09 PM  
**Subject:** Drinking Water in AZ and NN

Both ADEQ and Navajo Nation drinking water program have been contacted and provided with maps and the recent situation report. Unlikely AZ would be impacted. Navajo Nation EPA let us know that the water being served to potentially affected communities is safe. See statement from email that I received this morning from NNEPA

*I have contacted NTUA regarding the Mexican Hat Water Treatment Plant and NTUA stated that the intake at the river has been shut down for a few days due to high turbidity levels in the San Juan River. Water was being hauled from an adjacent water system to provide water to residents of the Mexican Hat water system. Also, the NTUA-Farmington Rural Regional Water System which includes the communities of Nenahnezad, San Juan, Upper Fruitland, Hogback, Shiprock, Cudeii, and Beclabito receives its drinking water from the City of Farmington, NM. The City of Farmington released this statement, "Farmington's drinking water remains unaffected, and the water supply intake pumps for City of Farmington water supply remain shut down." Therefore, there is no immediate threat to the drinking water systems for all Navajo Nation communities along the San Juan River.*

**From:** Woo, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:53 AM  
**To:** Li, Corine  
**Cc:** Montgomery, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1

Hi Corine,

Could you respond to Alexis directly with a cc to Mike and I? I know there is a new guy at ADEQ for DW.

Thanks,

nw

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**From:** Strauss, Alexis

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:50 AM

**To:** Woo, Nancy

**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1

In CO, the State/local officials have closed the Animas R to all watercraft, and are focused on sampling/analysis and protecting Durango's water intake. I am as yet unclear who at ADEQ and NNEPA may be informed, though I heard about this from Joan Card (R8), as they may wish to make similar protective orders.

**From:** Woo, Nancy

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:45 AM

**To:** Strauss, Alexis

**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1

Thanks for letting me know. Whew.

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**From:** Strauss, Alexis  
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**To:** Woo, Nancy  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1

Thx, we've been getting updates from R8 and Enrique.

**From:** Woo, Nancy  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:43 AM  
**To:** Meer, Daniel; Allen, HarryL; Manzanilla, Enrique; Strauss, Alexis; Blumenfeld, Jared; Kao, Jessica  
**Cc:** Montgomery, Michael; Li, Corine  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1  
**Importance:** High

I just got off the phone with David Garcia, R6 Water Deputy. On Wednesday there was an accidental release of liquid mining wastes at a gold mine in Region 8 which has hit surface water and made it to the Animas River. It is projected to take a long and circuitous route through Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and eventually Arizona, (Animas, San Juan River, and ultimately making its way possibly into the Colorado river). R8 is coordinating the response. R6 water wanted to alert R9 water due to possible drinking water intakes from surface water impacted. R6 has already let 2 of the 7 water utilities know what may be coming and they are taking appropriate precautionary measures as shutting of water intakes and taking baseline samples.

A coordination call will happen this afternoon (R8, R6 and R9) via \$F Emergency response OSCs. Is there an OSC assigned tracking this? Please let Mike, Corine and I know. I will continue to forward information as it is shared with us.

Thanks,

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**From:** Garcia, David

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 9:28 AM

**To:** Woo, Nancy

**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 4:32 PM

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**Subject:** Gold King Mine Blowout SITREP #1

Please find attached SITREP #1 for the Gold King Mine blowout. Please contact me with any questions that you might have.

***Laura***

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